WHAT KIND OF NAME IS GYRUS?

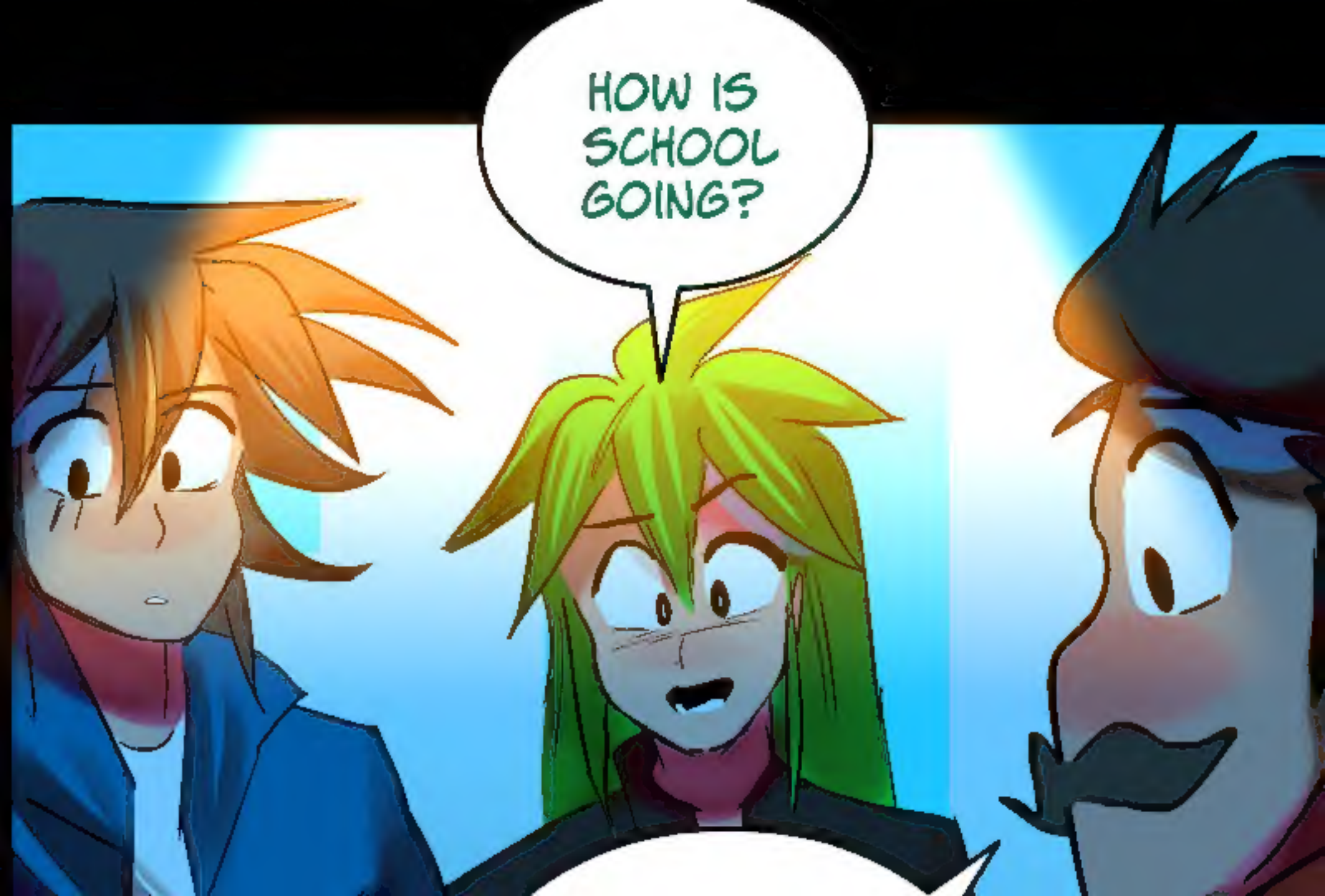
DO YOU KNOW HIM PAPA?

THIS IS GYRUS AND HIS BOYFRIEND KODYA. GYRUS, THESE ARE MY CHILDREN JULIAN AND TARA.

THEY'RE LITTLE TROUBLEMAKERS, BUT THEY'RE GOOD KIDS.

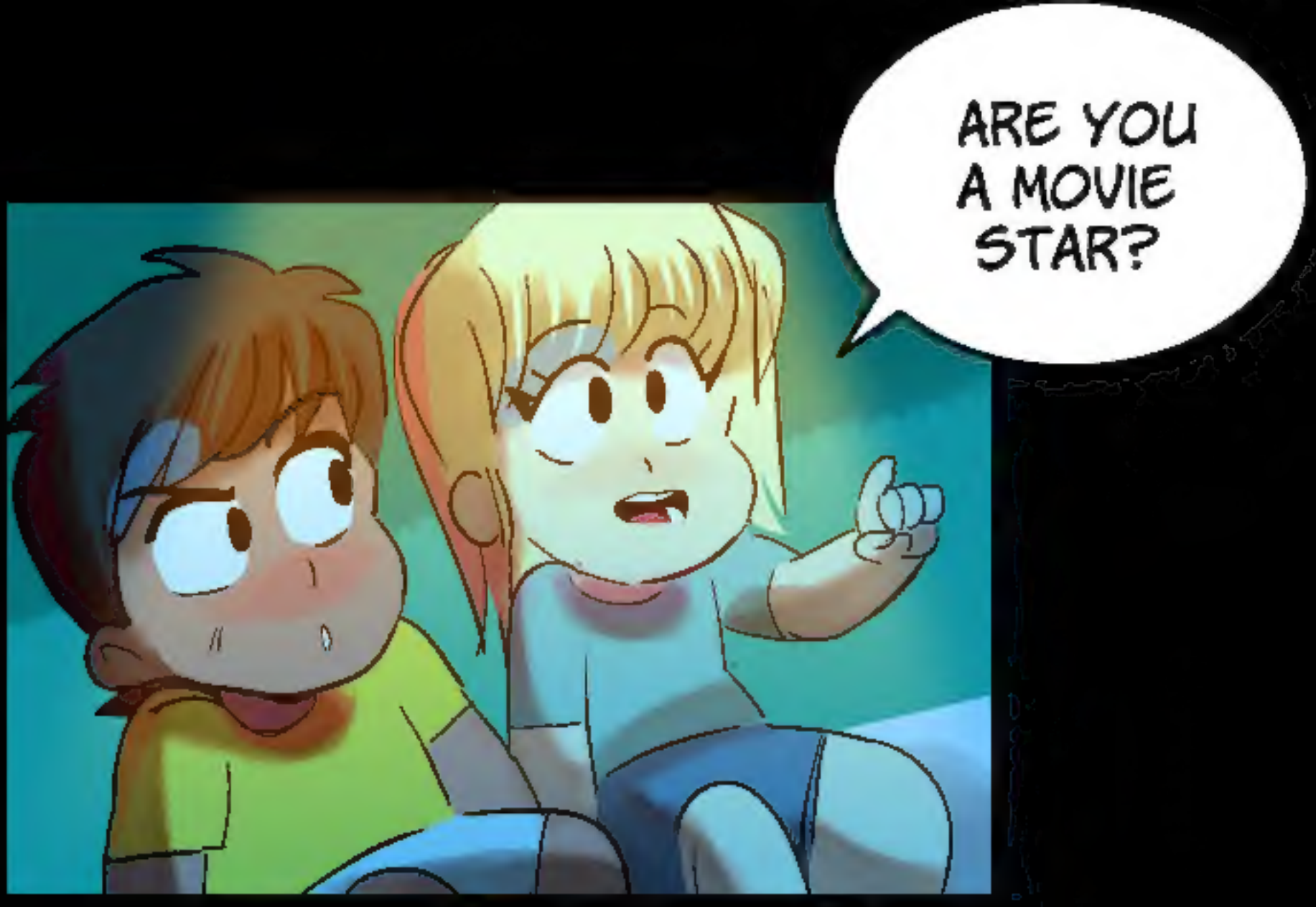
HOW DOES THIS GUY KNOW MY NAME? I DON'T REMEMBER MEETING HIM BUT GYRUS SEEMS TOO.

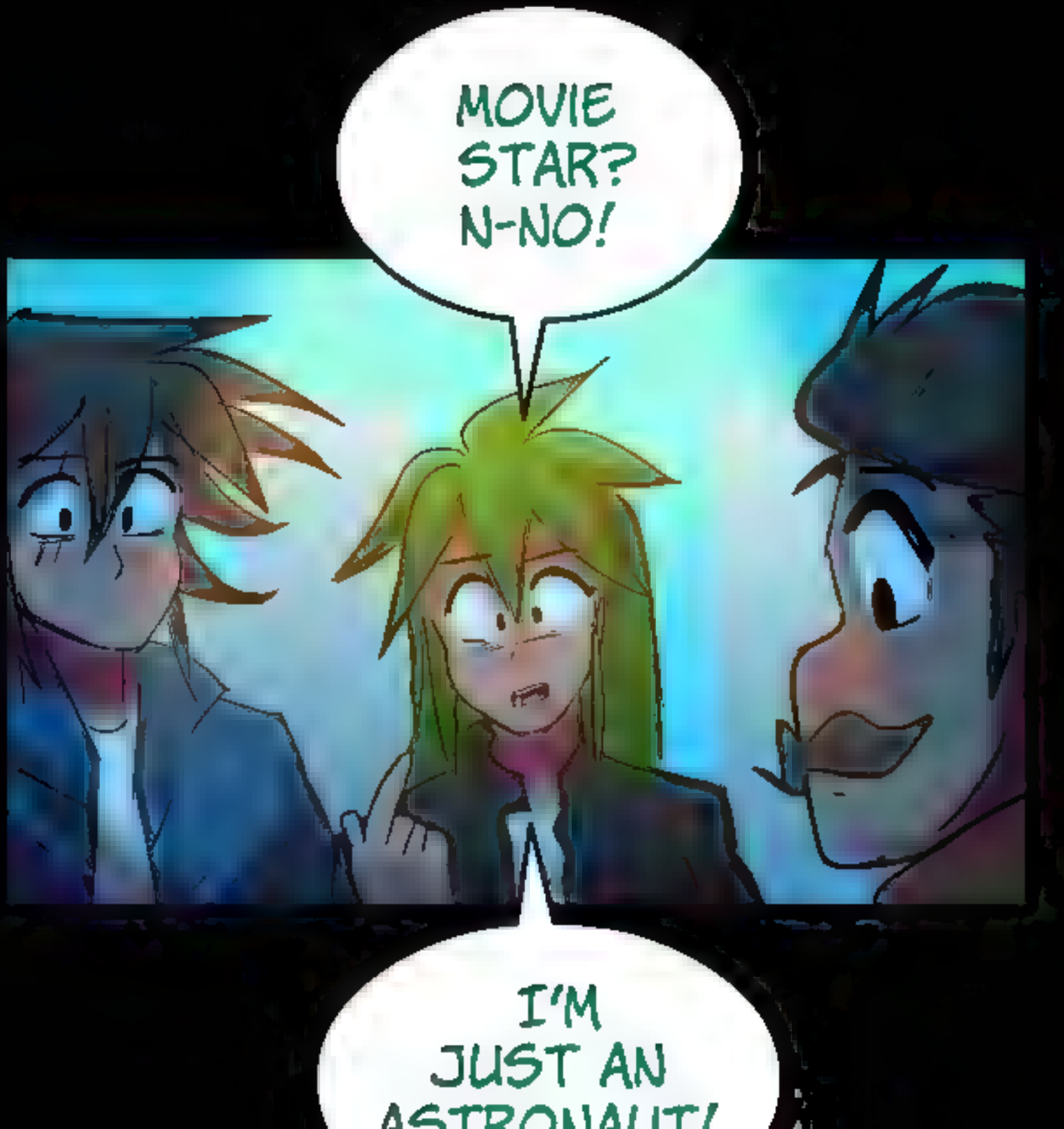
DID I
FORGET SOMETHING
IMPORTANT?


HOW IS SCHOOL GOING?

TARA IS TOP OF HER CLASS...

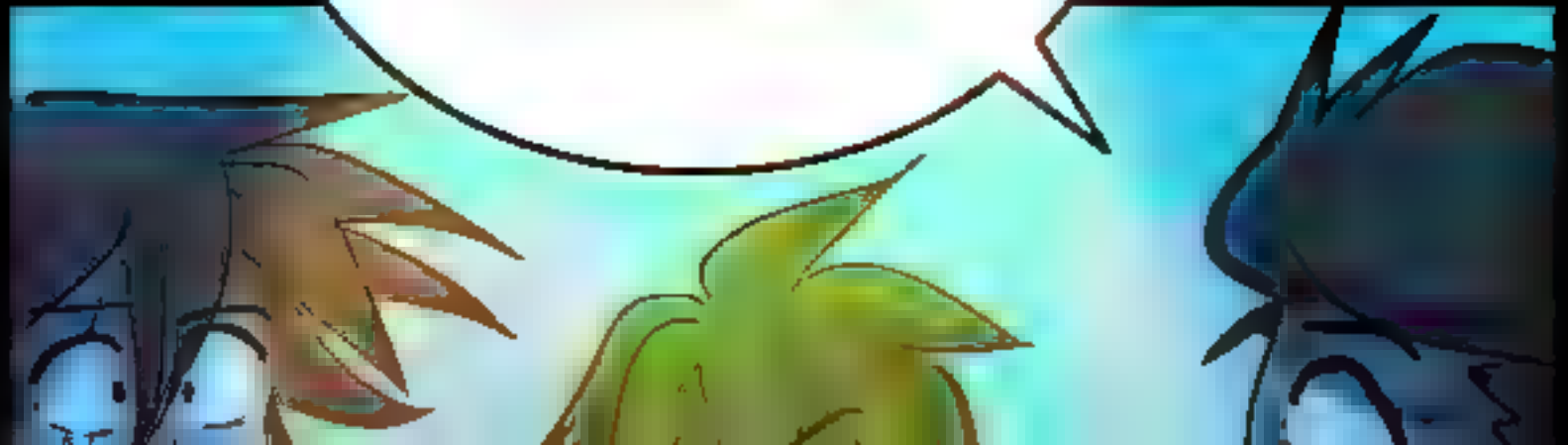
...AND JULIAN REALLY GOT A GIFT FOR MUSIC JUST LIKE HIS OLD MAN!


ARE YOU A MOVIE STAR?


MOVIE STAR? N-NO!
I'M JUST AN ASTRONAUT!

ASTRONAUT?

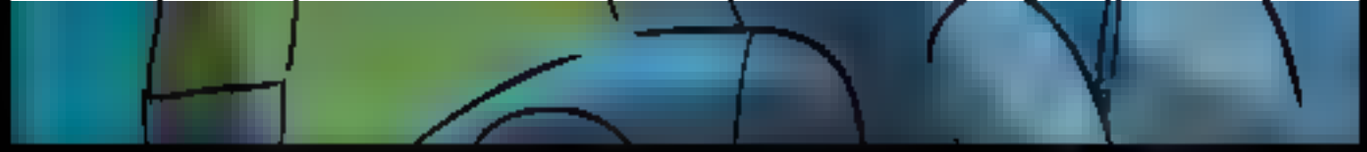
OH
YOU'RE
STILL AN
ASTRONAUT?



I FIGURED YOU WOULD'VE HAD ENOUGH OF SPACE. AFTER ALL, WHAT PLANET OUT THERE COULD COMPARE TO A REALM?

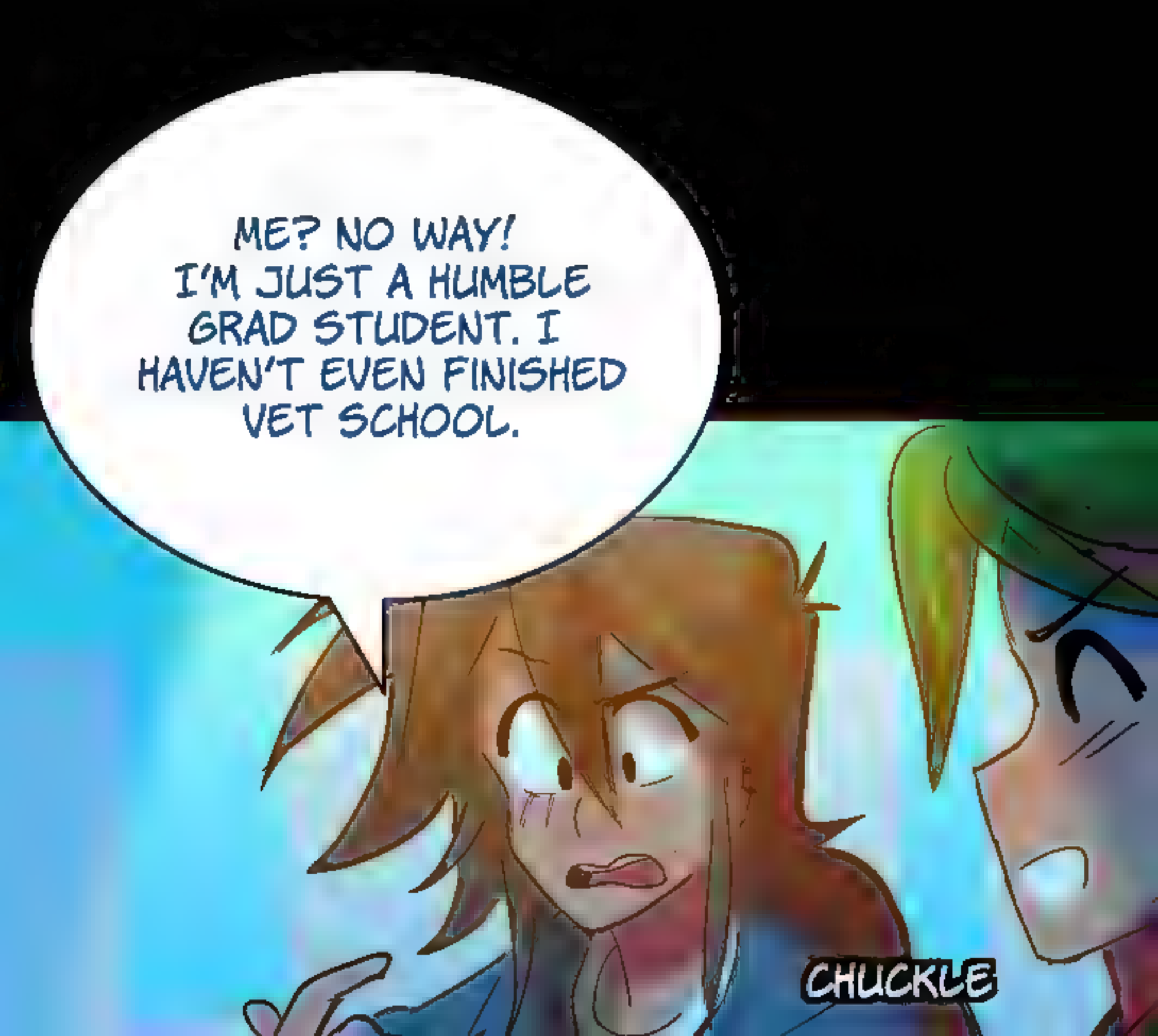
REALM?
WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT? WAS HE IN ASTRONAUT TRAINING WITH GYRUS?

NO!
NOT YOU!



HIM!

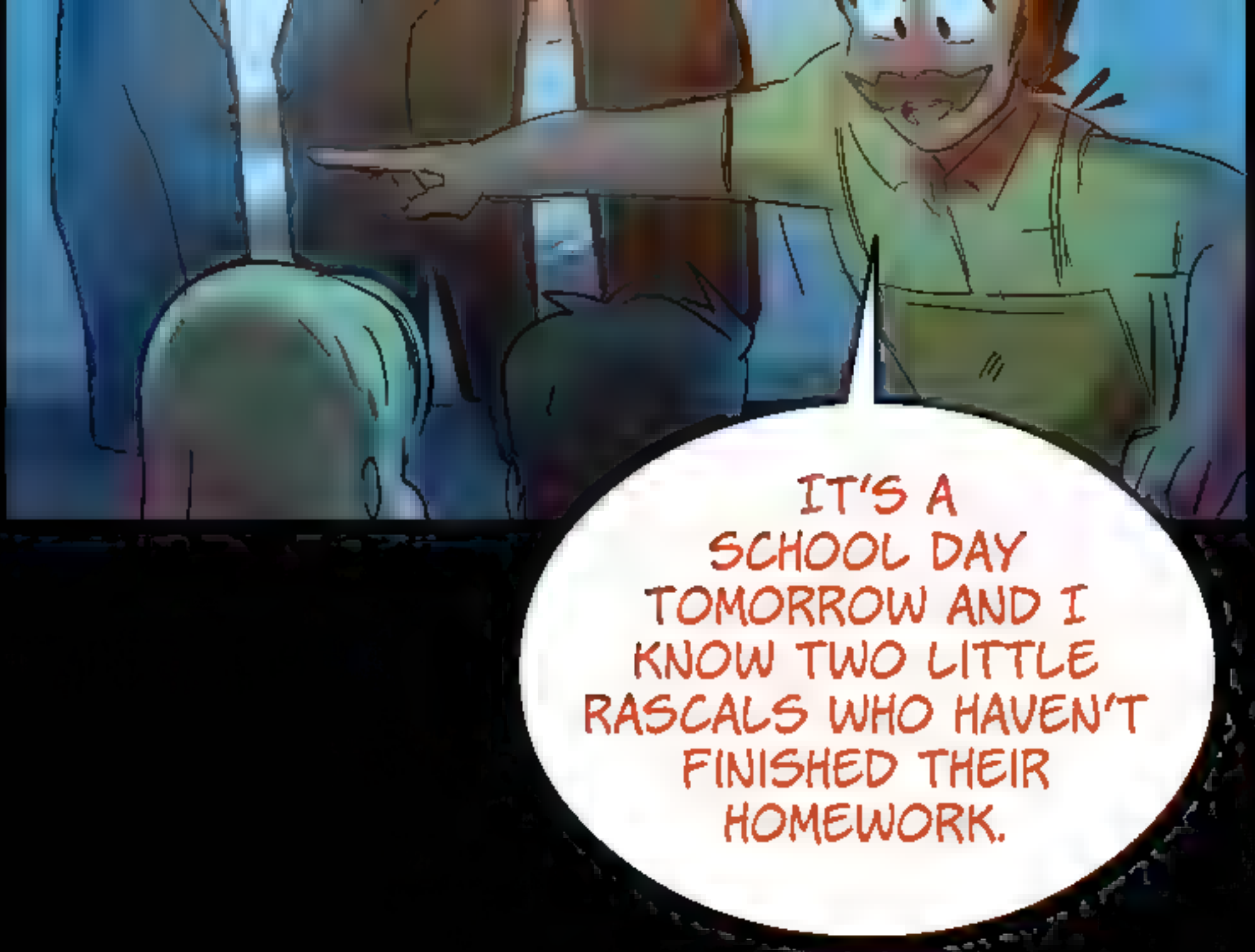
YOU'RE SO HANDSOME! JUST LIKE A HERO FROM A MOVIE! CAN YOU TELL ME WHICH ONE? I WANT TO SEE!


ME? NO WAY! I'M JUST A HUMBLE GRAD STUDENT. I HAVEN'T EVEN FINISHED VET SCHOOL.
CHUCKLE

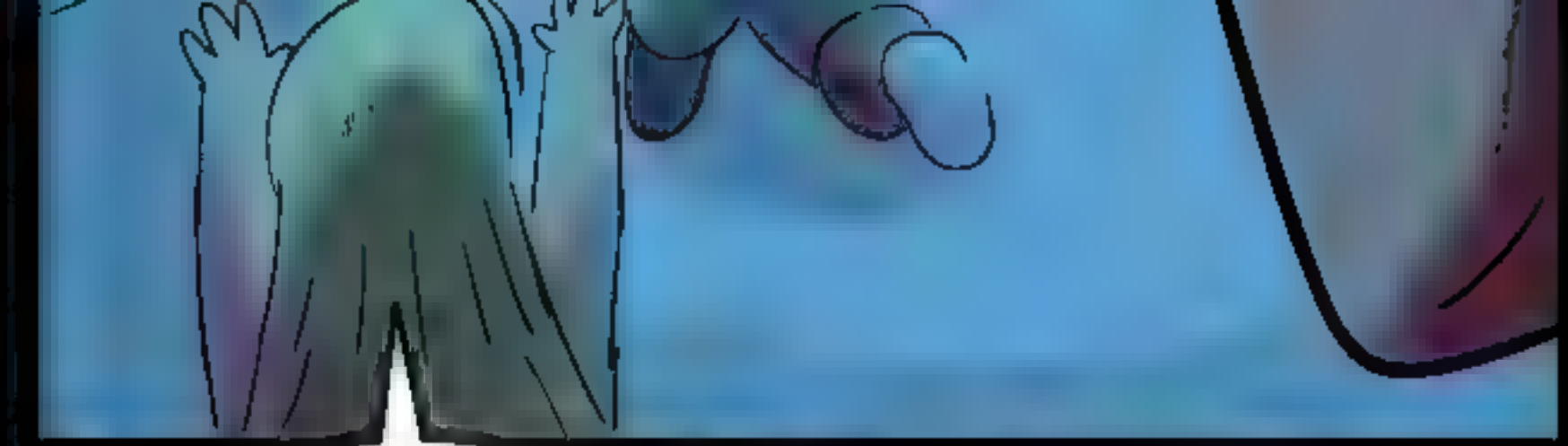
I DON'T KNOW KODYA, I THINK SHE HAS A POINT. YOU'RE CERTAINLY HANDSOME ENOUGH FOR THE BIG SCREEN!

BLAH!
STOP
FLIRTING!

OKAY THAT'S ENOUGH OUT OF YOU. I SAID YOU COULD WATCH THE STORE WITH ME FOR AN HOUR, AND AN HOUR'S UP.


IT'S A SCHOOL DAY TOMORROW AND I KNOW TWO LITTLE RASCALS WHO HAVEN'T FINISHED THEIR HOMEWORK.

FINE. WE DON'T WANNA SEE PEOPLE GET ALL "LOVEY DOVEY" ANYWAYS.



DON'T BE MEAN!

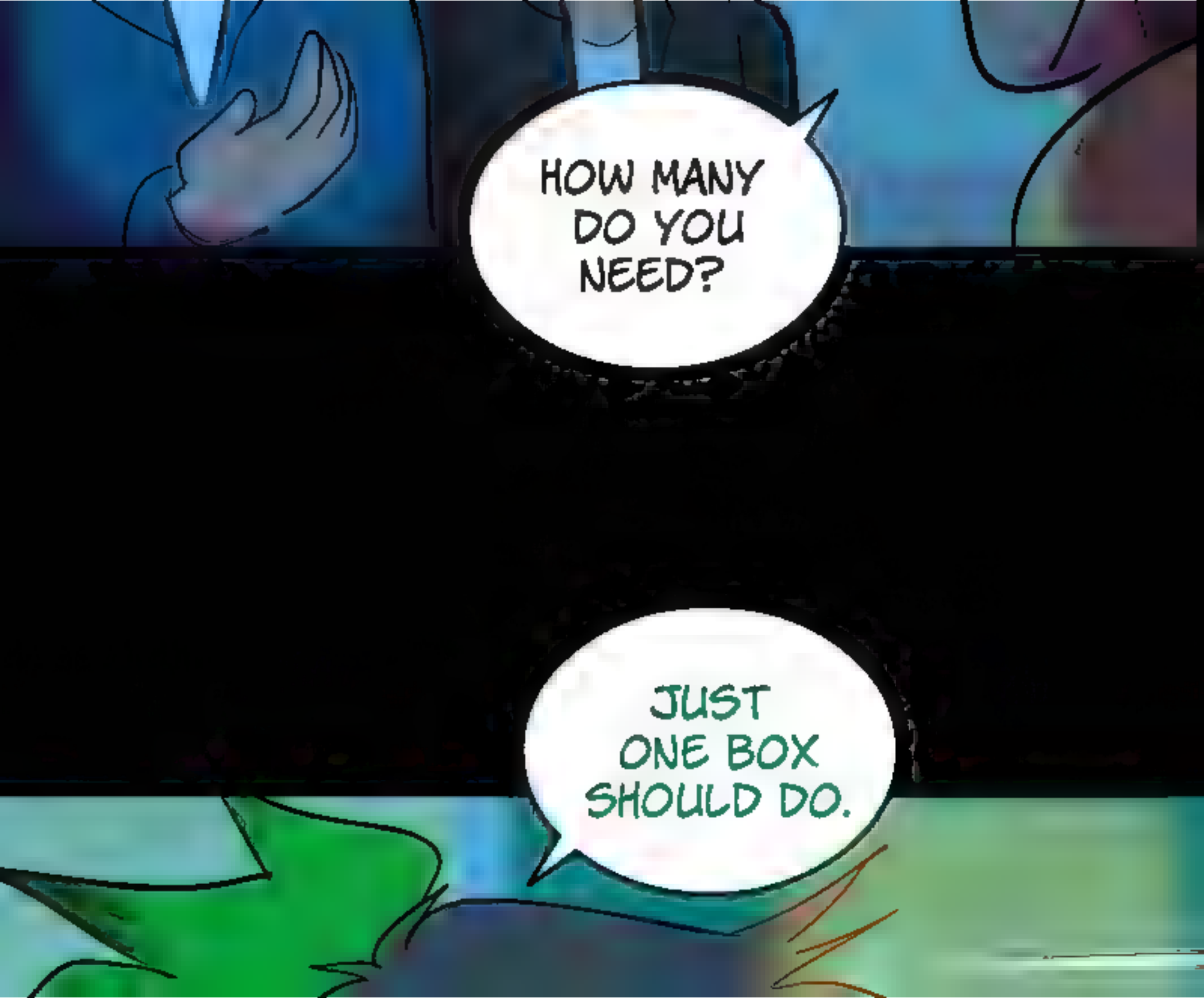
KODYA
AND GYRUS
SITTING IN A TREE
K-I-S-S-I-N-G.
. . .

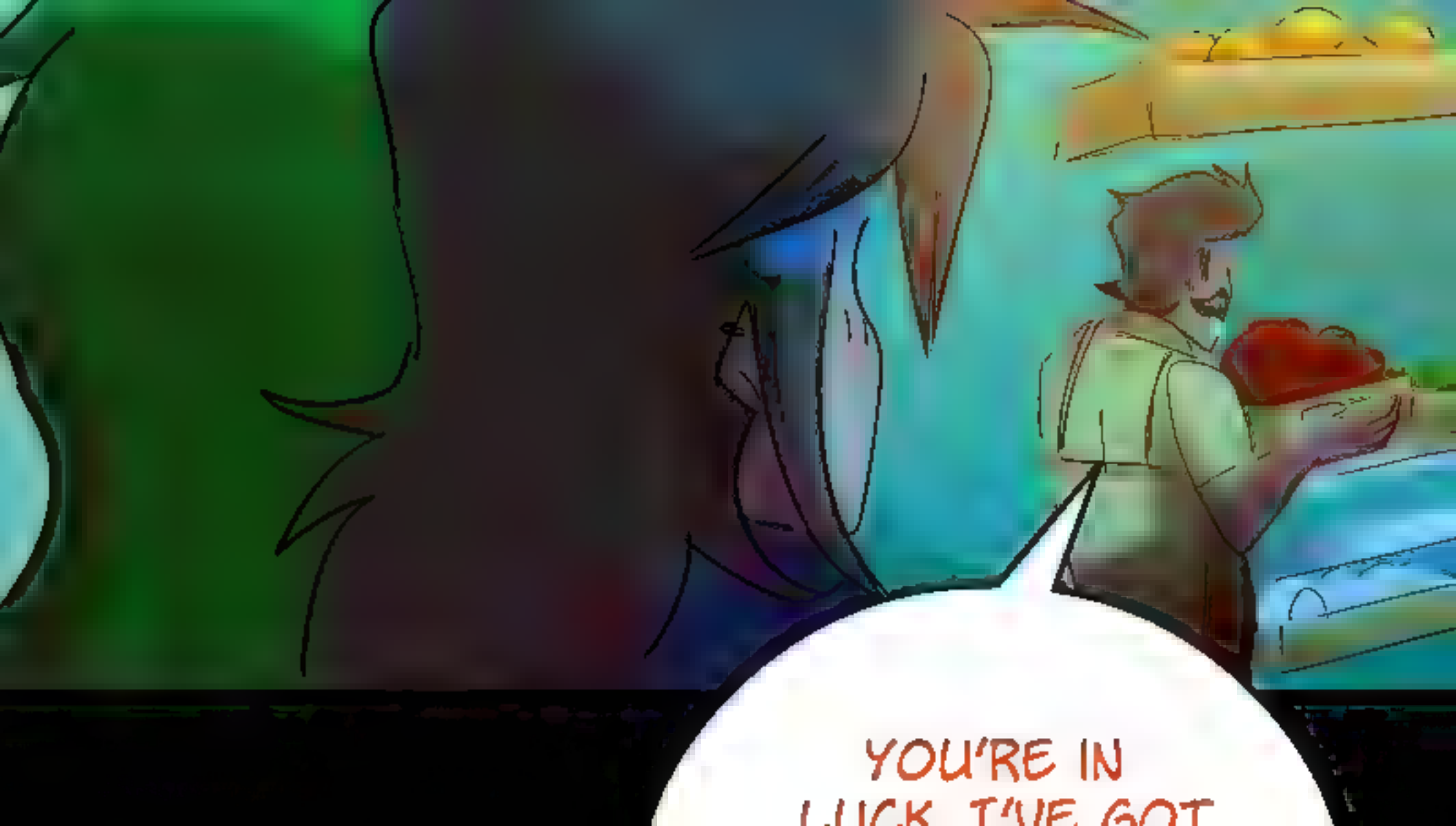
UUUUH...
HI. SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOU BUT WE'RE IN KIND OF A HURRY.

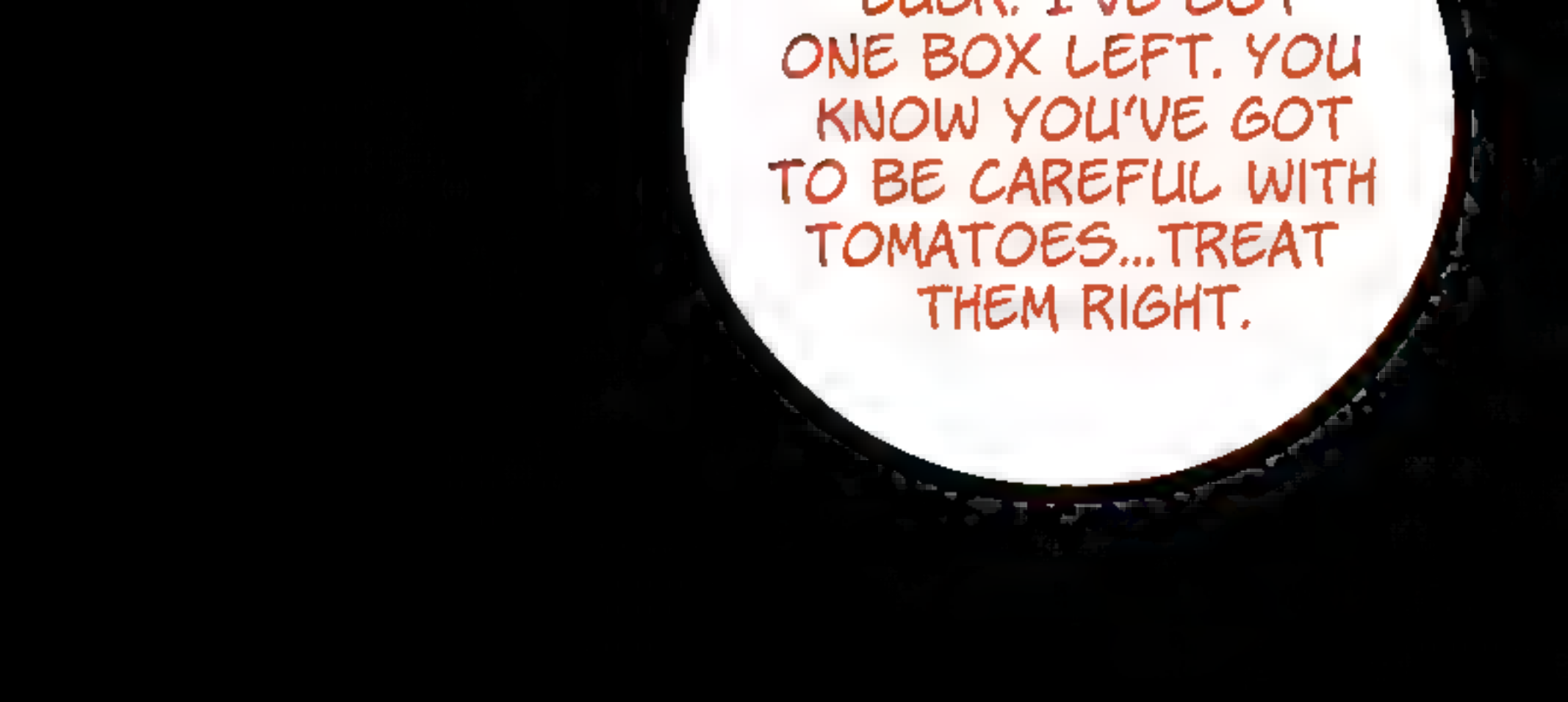
OUR FRIENDS ARE WAITING ON US FOR SOME FRESH TOMATOES.

FRESH TOMATOES EH? THAT'S AN INTERESTING CHOICE...

INTERESTING? IT'S A COMMON VEGETABLE...


HOW MANY DO YOU NEED?
JUST ONE BOX SHOULD DO.


YOU'RE IN
LUCK, I'VE GOT

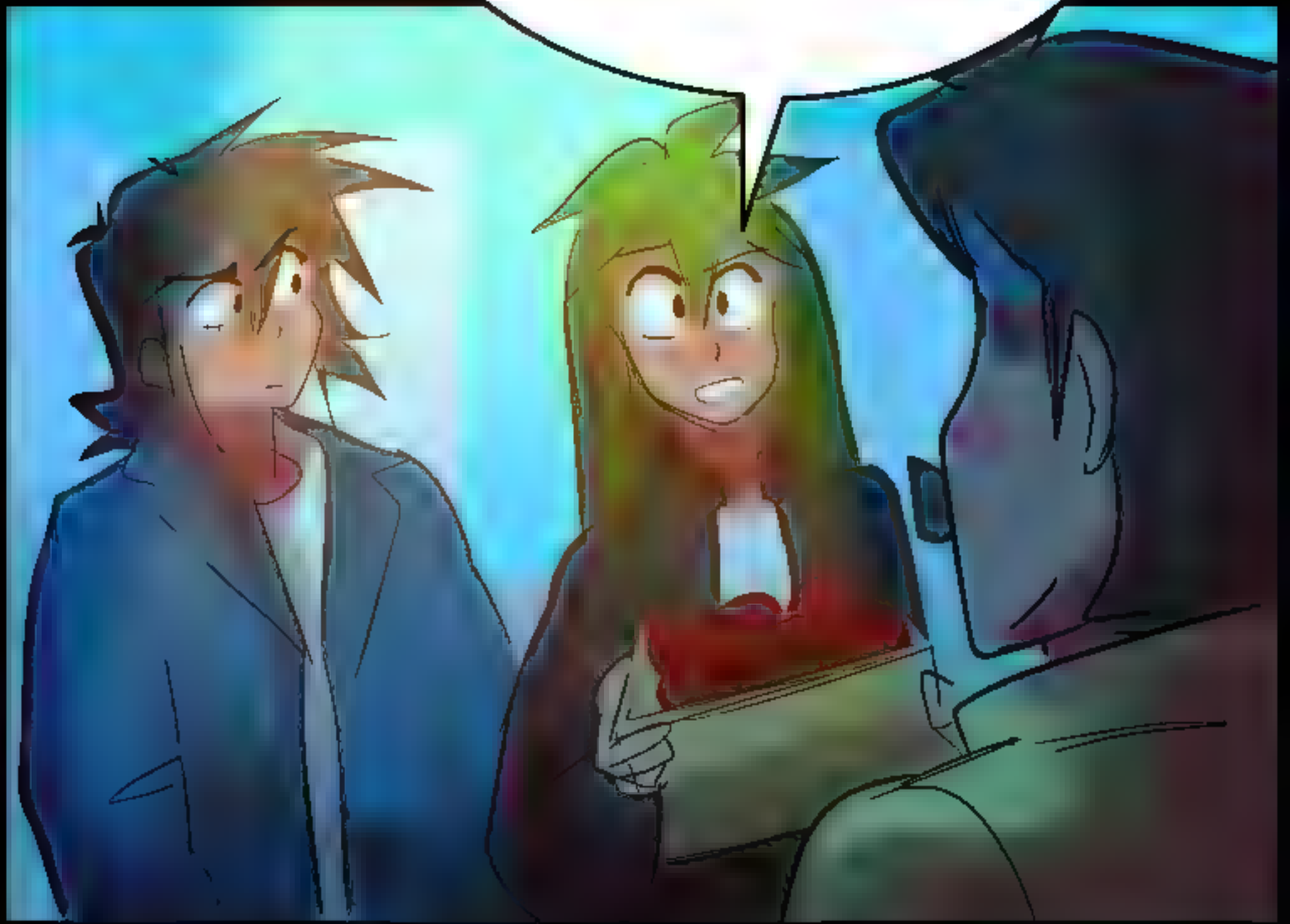

BUCK. I'VE BUT
ONE BOX LEFT. YOU
KNOW YOU'VE GOT
TO BE CAREFUL WITH
TOMATOES...TREAT
THEM RIGHT.

YOU DON'T WANT THEM TURNING INTO COCKROACHES NOW DO YOU?
?
NO YOU DO

NOT.
WELL LUCKY FOR YOU THIS IS A FRESH BUNCH, NO COCKROACHES TO BE SEEN. HAVE IT

ON THE HOUSE.
THANK YOU!

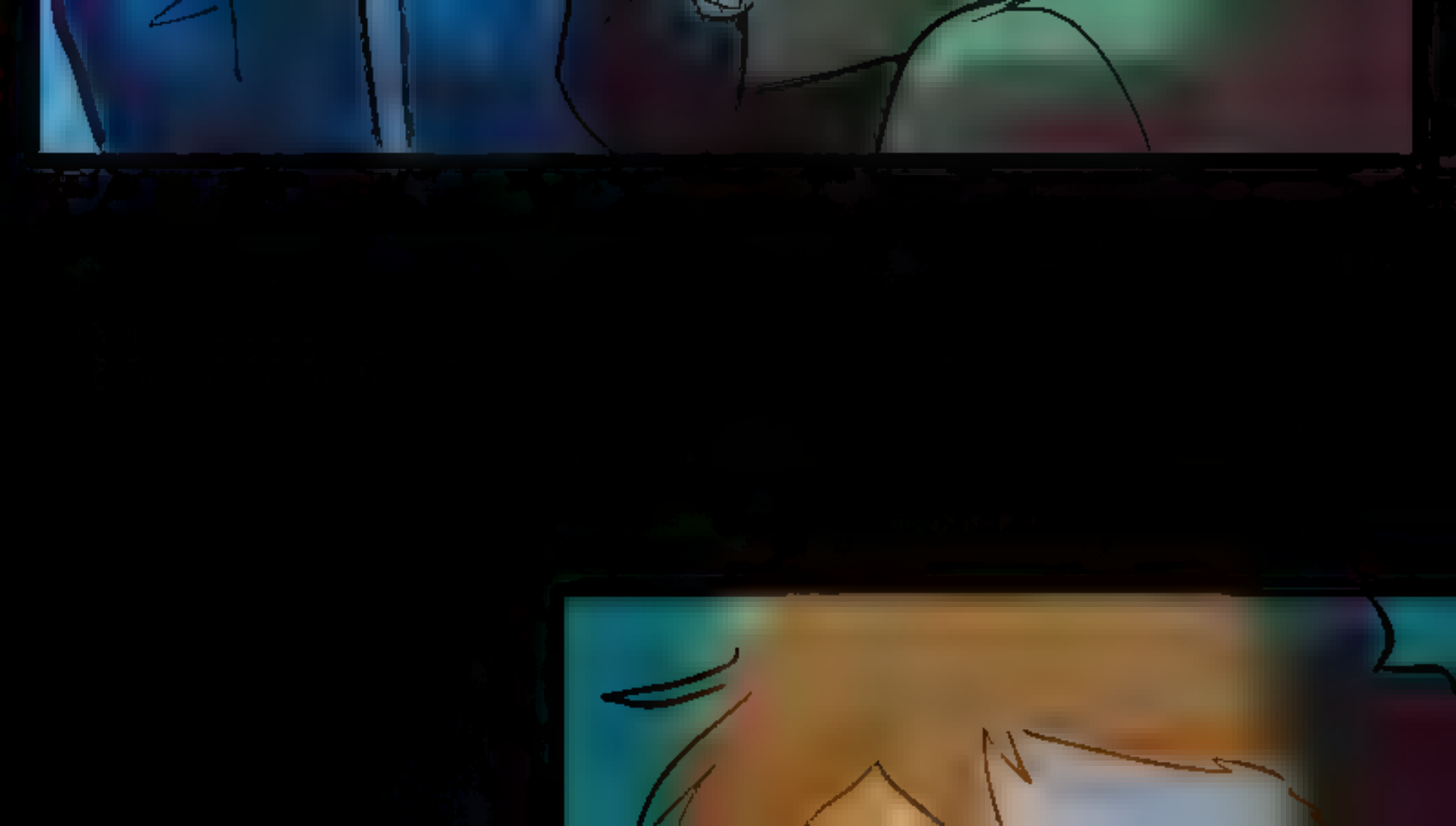
I KNOW
WE DIDN'T EXPLAIN
A LOT TO YOU BACK
THEN, SO IF YOU EVER
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
ABOUT THE COCKROACHES
OR THE REST OF IT
FEEL FREE TO
CALL ME.



UUUH NO.
IF HE'S GOT A COCKROACH PROBLEM HE SHOULD CALL THE EXTERMINATOR AND SHUT THIS PLACE DOWN.

SORRY

ABOUT HIM, I THINK I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO REMEMBERS. IT GAVE ME A SERIOUS HEADACHE EARLIER TODAY.



I WOULD NOT GIVE UP SO EASILY AMIGO. SUCH A LARGE SHIFT IN REALITY TAKES TIME TO ADJUST TO.

I DID NOT REMEMBER UNTIL I SAW YOUR FACE, SO IT STANDS TO REASON THAT THE OTHERS WILL GAIN BACK THEIR MEMORIES GIVEN TIME AND STIMULI.

...LIKE
THE PARTY!

I SUPPOSE... BUT YOU'D HAVE TO FIND EVERYONE AND INVITE THEM...

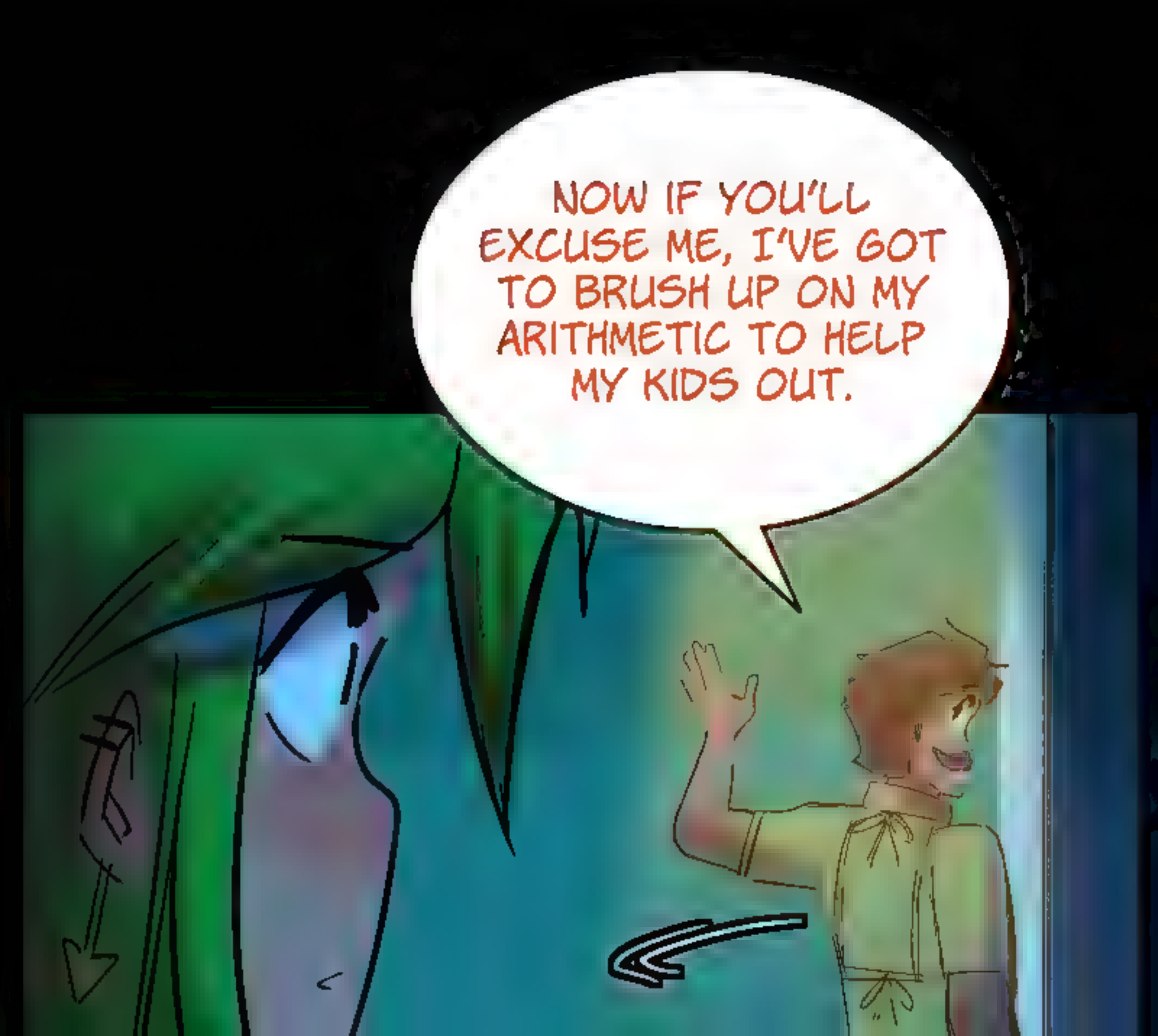
NO! NOT A PARTY! *THE* PARTY! THE ONE WE'RE THROWING RIGHT NOW! NO ONE REMEMBERS WHY WE'RE CELEBRATING! SO OF COURSE, THIS MUST BE WHAT IT'S FOR!

YOU SHOULD COME! IF IT'S REALLY A CELEBRATION FOR OUR ESCAPE

FOR OUR DISCIPLINE, YOU'VE MORE THAN EARNED THE RIGHT TO ATTEND!

YOU'RE VERY KIND, BUT I HAVE

TO REFUSE. MY REWARD'S RIGHT HERE WITH MY FAMILY, AND THERE'S NOWHERE I'D RATHER BE.


NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I'VE GOT TO BRUSH UP ON MY ARITHMETIC TO HELP MY KIDS OUT.

GOODBYE GYRUS, GOODBYE KODYA! ENJOY THE PARTY!

NOD

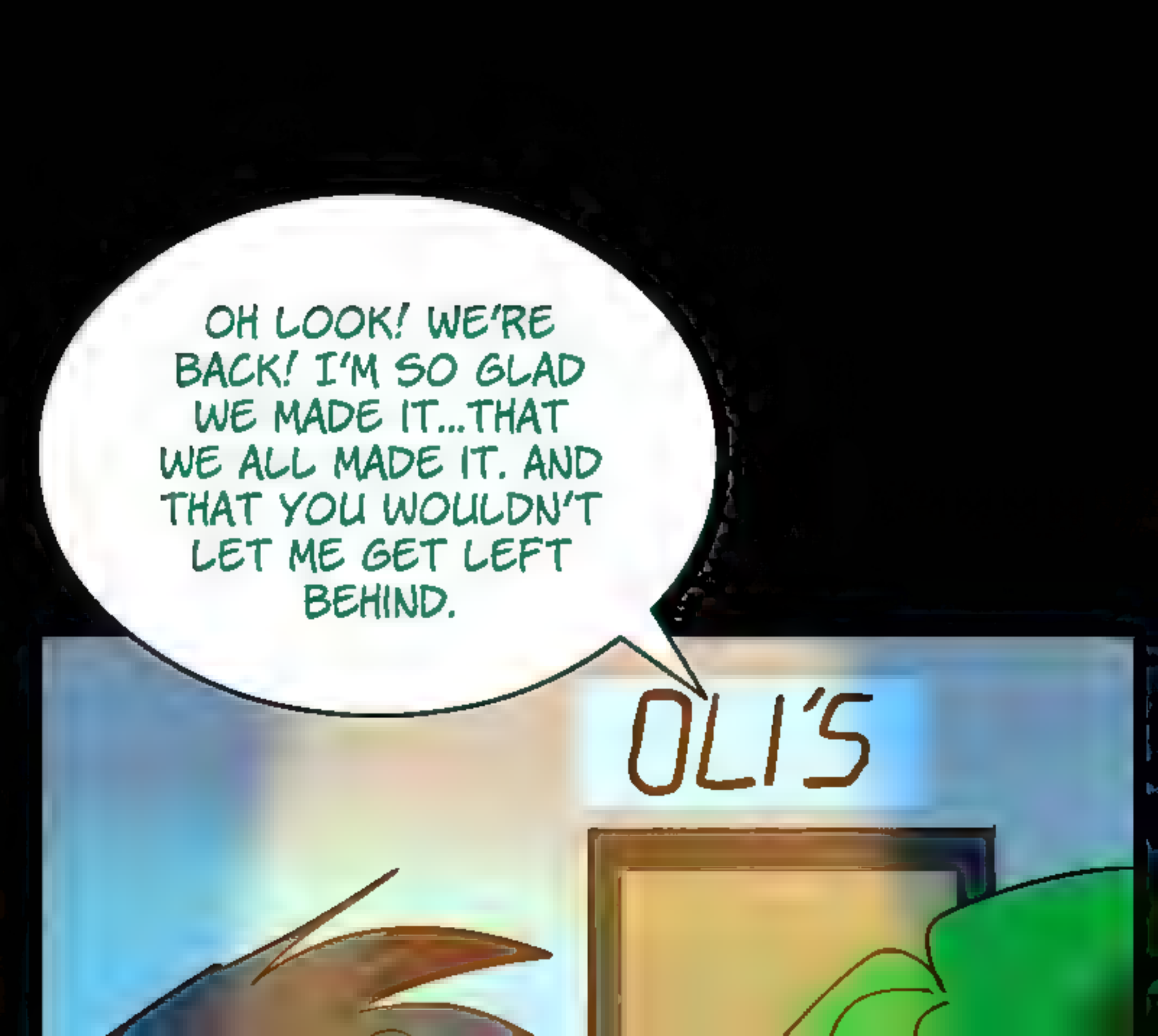
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?

FIRST HE'S RAMBLING ABOUT COCKROACHES AND TOMATOES, AND THEN YOU'RE INVITING HIM TO THE PARTY BECAUSE HE KNOWS WHAT IT'S FOR? WHICH YOU NEVER EXPLAINED TO ME BY THE WAY.

WHO WAS HE ANYWAYS?

HE'S AN OLD FRIEND.
BUT DON'T WORRY, YOU'LL FIND OUT SOON.

LEAN
YOU'VE JUST GOTTA STAY REAL CLOSE TO ME.


OH LOOK! WE'RE BACK! I'M SO GLAD WE MADE IT...THAT WE ALL MADE IT. AND THAT YOU WOULDN'T LET ME GET LEFT BEHIND.
OLI'S

YOU'RE STARTING TO WORRY ME GYRUS.

I KNOW.
I'LL TRY TO DIAL IT DOWN. BUT I'M JUST SO HAPPY. WE FINALLY HAVE A FUTURE TOGETHER, AND IT'S WORTH EVERY CHALLENGE.

WELL I CAN'T ARGUE WITH THAT. IT'S GREAT TO FINALLY HAVE SOME TIME TO OURSELVES. IT'S BEEN TOO LONG.

DON'T WORRY.
WE'LL HAVE
PLENTY FROM
NOW ON.

-THE END-

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THANK YOU
FOR READING!

Afterword coming next week!